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Ge XU et.al.)	Group Art Unit: 1763
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Application No.: unassigned)	Examiner: S. MacArthur
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Filed: concurrently herewith)	
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For: CVD APPARATUS)	

DECLARATION

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

We, Ge Xu and Hiroshi Nogami, are inventors of the above-captioned patent application, which is filed concurrently herewith.

We hereby declare that we are not aware of any prior art teachings of the present invention, and in particular, of the concept that backflow of gases from the film deposition process space into either the plasma generating space or into any interior spaces of the partitioning wall section were responsible for the excess generation of dust and deterioration of the finished product.

We further declare that all statements made herein of our own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.

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SUBMISSION OF DECLARATION

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Sir:

In response to an interview conducted with the Examiners in parent Application Serial No. 09/435,625, submitted herewith is a declaration executed by the inventors of the above-identified patent application. The declaration is submitted in response to a request made by the Examiners in the parent application.

It should be noted that the present application claims priority not only of the parent application Serial No. 09/435,625, but also of a second U.S. application Serial No. 09/255,852.

In the event that there are any questions concerning this submission, or the application in general, the Examiner is respectfully urged to telephone the undersigned attorney so that prosecution of the application may be expedited.

Respectfully submitted,

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COMBINED DECLARATION FOR PATENT APPLICATION AND POWER OF ATTORNEY
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Attorney's Docket No.

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My residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated below next to my name;

I believe I am the original, first and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below) or an original, first and joint inventor (if plural names are listed below) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled:

CVD Apparatus

the specification of which (check only one item below):

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I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

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I hereby claim the benefit under Title 35, United States Code, §120 of any United States application(s) or PCT international application(s) designating the United States of America that is/are listed below and, insofar as the subject matter of each of the claims of this application is not disclosed in that/those prior application(s) in the manner provided by the first paragraph of Title 35, United States Code, §112, I acknowledge the duty to disclose to the Office all information known to me to be material to the patentability as defined in Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations §1.56, which became available between the filing date of the prior application(s) and the national or PCT international filing date of this application:

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U.S. APPLICATIONS		STATUS (check one)		
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